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ROME FOR FODAG

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: FAO, AORG, EFIN

SUBJECT: FAO 1980/1981 BUDGET

REF: (A) STATE 210000, (B) ROME 15790, (C) GENEVA 11401

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EFFORTS FODAG HAS MADE PURSUANT  
TO REF A TO GET A GENEVA GROUP CONSENSUS ON AN APPROACH TO  
SAOUMA CALLING FOR ZERO REAL PROGRAM GROWTH IN FY 80/81  
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BUDGET CYCLE. GIVEN THE FACT THAT SOME GG GOVERNMENTS ARE  
PREPARED TO SEE REAL BUDGET GROWTH WELL IN EXCESS OF 2  
PERCENT, WE RECOGNIZE DIFFICULTY OF ACHIEVING CONSENSUS  
BEHIND OUR ZERO GROWTH POSITION.

2. WE AGREE THAT GG OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO ENGAGE DG IN A  
REAL NEGOTIATING PROCESS WHERE HE OPENS UP HIS CALCULATIONS

MORE FRANKLY AND ENGAGES IN A GENUINE EXCHANGE ON THE BUDGET. IN ORDER TO SUCCEED IN THIS EFFORT YOU WILL NEED THE UNANIMITY OF THE MAJOR DONORS.

3. IN ORDER TO REACH FULL AGREEMENT WITHIN GG YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO ENDORSE A GG POSITION UP TO AND INCLUDING 2 PERCENT ANNUAL REAL PROGRAM GROWTH, BUT YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK FOR AN OUTCOME AS NEAR ZERO GROWTH AS POSSIBLE. YOU ARE THE BEST JUDGE OF THE TACTICS OF

ARRIVING AT SUCH AN AGREEMENT BUT YOU MAY PURSUE THE IDEA OF A TARGET CEILING WHICH REPRESENTS UP TO 2 PERCENT GROWTH FROM AN ACCEPTABLE BASE FIGURE AS WELL AS A PERCENTAGE CONCEPT.

4. SHOULD THE UK CREATE PROBLEMS IN THE SEARCH FOR A CONSENSUS OR SEEM RELUCTANT TO JOIN U.S. AS CO-CHAIRMAN IN REPRESENTING GG VIEWS TO DG, ANOTHER APPROACH TO FCO IN LONDON MIGHT BE USEFUL. IF DUTCH ARE OBSTACLES TO AGREEMENT, OTHER DONORS MIGHT BE WILLING TO JOIN US IN SUGGESTION THAT THEY SEEK OBSERVER STATUS IN GG ROME IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THEIR OBJECTIVES DIFFER FROM THOSE OF OTHER DONORS. SWEDES ARE OF COURSE OBSERVERS IN GG IN ANY CASE AND SHOULD BE REMINDED OF THIS AS NECESSARY.

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5. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR PROCEEDING WITH SUGGESTED REVISION OF UK DRAFT MINUTES OF AUGUST 10 MEETING IF THIS APPEARS TO BE APPROACH MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED. CHRISTOPHER

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